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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 AND §1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find an English translation of a Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal, dated March 27, 2001, and five (5) documents referred to in this Notification, which Notification was in connection with Japanese Patent Application No. 10-323145, one of the priority applications under 35 USC 119 corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a List, on a form substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, of the enclosed five (5) documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR §1.97(b) are satisfied.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are clearly satisfied by each and/or all of the enclosed English translation of the Notification, and

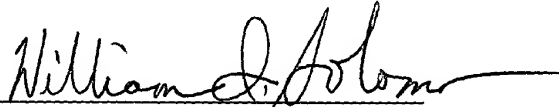
English abstracts of the respective enclosed Japanese patent documents.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.36712VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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